

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please add the following new paragraph after the title on page 1:

#### **CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a U.S. national stage application and claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of International Application No. PCT/AU2004/000922 filed on July 8, 2004, entitled MEMBRANE POST TREATMENT, which is based on Australian Patent Application No. 2003903507 filed on July 8, 2003, entitled MEMBRANE POST TREATMENT, each of which is entirely incorporated herein by reference for all purposes, and to which this application claims the benefit of priority.

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#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES**

FIG. 1 depicts the results of leaching tests for PVME in accordance with the present invention.

FIGS. 2 and 3 depict the differences between the structures of PVDF membranes for samples with and without PVME.

FIG. 4 illustrates demixing in the case of Halar membranes.

FIG. 5 depicts a decrease in the formation of macrovoids due to the addition of PVME.